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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7653

BILL NUMBER: HB 1558

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 13, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Medical Care Expenses of County Jail Inmates.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Ripley

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires a court, as part of a sentence, to order a county jail inmate to reimburse a county for certain medical expenses incurred by the county in providing medical care to the inmate.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Under current law, a court may order a county jail inmate to reimburse the county jail for all medical expenses incurred providing medical care to the inmate. Under the bill, the court would be required to order an inmate to pay all, a portion of, or none of the medical care expenses.

While more costs could be recovered, no data exists which indicates the dollar amount spent on medical care for inmates who would be required to reimburse the county. Ultimately, any increase in revenue will depend on the amount of reimbursement that inmates are ordered to pay and the amount the county is able to collect from each inmate.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources:

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